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1. E.A. AYKAZYAN, CHIEF OF USA SECTION OF SCST FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, TOLD US INFORMALLY MAY 14 THAT HE WILL SOON LEGITIMIZE HIS

ROLE AND BE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF SOVIET SIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF S&T AGREEMENT. HE THUS REPLACES N.A. BERDENNIKOV, WHO HAD HELD THIS POSITION UNTIL RECENTLY.

2. BERDENNIKOV, WHO DROPPED FROM VISIBILITY IN EARLY FEBRUARY, IS REPORTEDLY SPENDING FULL TIME ON INTERNAL SCST MANAGEMENT. ACCORDING TO INASHVILI OF SCST, BERDENNIKOV IS NOW OCCUPIED PRIMARILY WITH PREPARATION OF REQUIRED ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF SCST ACTIVITIES AND WITH PREPARATION OF SCST GOALS AND ISSUES PAPERS. HIS AVAILABILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN BILATERAL US-USSR PROGRAMS IS, AT LEAST FOR THE SHORT TERM, ENDED.

3. BERDENNIKOV HAS ALSO GIVEN UP HIS ROLE AS ONE OF MOST FREQUENT RECEIVERS OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN AT SCST. AYKAZYAN HAS INHERITED THIS ACTIVITY AS WELL, AND INASHVILI CLAIMS THAT RESULTANT DEMANDS ON AYKAZYAN FROM ALL QUARTERS ARE "JUST TEARING HIM APART".
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4. WE HAVE ALSO NOTICED OVER PAST FEW MONTHS THAT THERE IS GROWING CLOSE PERSONAL AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GVISHIANI AND AYKAZYAN. GVISHIANI HAS APPARENTLY RECOGNIZED THE TALENTS OF AYKAZYAN AND HAS NOT ONLY GIVEN HIM INCREASED AUTONOMONY AND AUTHORITY BUT HAS INCREASINGLY RELIED UPON HIM AS RIGHT-HAND MAN. AYKAZYAN HAS NOT CONCEALED FROM US HIS GREAT RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF GVISHIANI, WHOM, ABOVE ALL, HE APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO PLEASE. IT IS APPARENTLY AYKAZYAN WHO PREPARES BRIEFING PAPERS FOR GVISHIANI WHENEVER LATTER RECEIVES U.S. VISITORS IN ANY CATEGORY.
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